

# Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan



Initial  
Consultation  
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# Introduction

- **The Team**
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  - Roger Turkington
- **Objectives of the meeting**
- **Structure of the meeting**

# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of a specified area
- It can cover the use and development of land and may have a vision, aims, planning policies, or even proposals for an area
- It could allocate specified areas for specific types of development
- Requires a successful referendum to be part of statutory development
- If implemented it gives a statutory right on planning decisions

## What it isn't

- A Neighbourhood Plan is NOT a mechanism to stop development:
  - It must comply with national and European legislation
  - It must conform to national policy
  - It must conform to strategic local planning policy

# Who else are serious about developing a Neighbourhood Plan in Suffolk?

- Debenham
- Lavenham
- Mendlesham
- Rendlesham

# Planning – Current Situation

- Planning policy for our area is defined by MSDC, which in turn complies with national planning policy
- Planning meets strategic objectives set by MSDC for the whole district
- Planning policy is not tailored to meet the needs of any individual parish.

# What's changed?

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012
  - Relaxed certain types of development
  - Promotes development more aggressively than previously i.e. presumption in favour of sustainable development
- Increased development targets for District Councils
- Localism Act 2011 – Neighbourhood Plans were part of the new legislation promoting localism in decision making and giving decision power back to the community

# Options

- **Do nothing – impact?**
- **Parish Plan**
  - Provides a framework to work on issues
  - Village Design Statement
  - But has no statutory weight
- **Neighbourhood Development Order**
  - Means to grant certain types of development in a specified area e.g. reinstate historic features in a conservation area or it could allocate areas for small types of development without the need for planning permission
  - Requires a successful referendum to form a strategic planning policy
- **Neighbourhood Plan**
  - More encompassing than a Neighbourhood Development Order
  - It may deal with a wide range of social, economic issues (such as housing, transport, parking, heritage and more)
  - Requires a successful referendum to form a strategic planning policy
  - Statutory right in planning decisions



# Pros & Cons of a Neighbourhood Plan

- Pros
  - We have a bigger say in what sort of future development we have in Stradbroke
  - Tailor development that meets local needs
  - Tailor development that enhances and positively contributes to Stradbroke
- Cons
  - Costly
  - Time
  - Commitment

# Group Discussions

- Split into 4 x group discussions for 20mins lead by:
  - Don Darling
  - Lynda Ellison-Rose and Gerald Jenkins
  - James Hargrave
  - Roger Turkington
- 10mins break
- **Reconvene for summary and conclusions**